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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-8,17,18 and 24-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-5,9-16,19-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-8,17,18 and 24-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 6-8, 17-18, 24-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2, 6-8, 17-18, 24-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bell (U.S.Pub-20050280502).

Regarding claim 1, Bell teaches an introductions system (abstract) comprising:

a plurality of mobile communicators (fig.1-3, element 112, 122, 132); and

a server communicating with said plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2-3, paragraph 0105-0107);

said server being operative to store personal information relating to users of said plurality of mobile communicators (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015) and to provide to a first user of said users via said first user's mobile communicator (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015), said personal information relating to a second user of said users

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(paragraph 0017-0019), upon designation of said first user by said second user, using said second user's mobile communication (paragraph 0061, claim 15),

said designation comprising employing a mobile communicator of said second user to photograph said first users transmitting said photograph to said server (paragraph 0105-0106, claim 15), automatically recognizing said first user from said photograph and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user (abstract, paragraph 0050).

Regarding claims 2, 28, Bell teaches an introductions system according to claims 1, 27 and wherein said server is operative to provide said personal information generally in real time with respect to said designation (paragraph 0050, 0113).

Regarding claims 6, 24, 29, and 34, Bell teaches an introductions system according to claims 1, 17, 27, and 32 and wherein said plurality of mobile communicators comprises at least one cellular telephone (paragraph 0059).

Regarding claims 7, 25, 30, and 35, Bell teaches an introductions system according to claims 1, 17, 27, and 32 and wherein said plurality of mobile communicators comprises at least one wireless personal digital assistant (PDA) (paragraph 0059).

Regarding claims 8, 31, and 36, Bell teaches an introductions system according to claims 1, 27, and 32 and wherein said server is operative to determine if said first person is a subscriber to said introductions system (paragraph 0108-0110).

Regarding claim 17, Bell teaches an introductions (abstract) method comprising:

storing personal information relating to a plurality of users of a corresponding plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2-3, claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015); and

providing to a first user of said plurality of users (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015), via said first user's mobile communicator (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015), said personal information of a second user of said plurality of users (paragraph 0017-0019), upon said second user designating said first user by using said second user's mobile communication (paragraph 0061, claim 15),

said designating comprising:

employing said second user's mobile communicator to photograph said first user (paragraph 0105-0106, claim 15);

transmitting said photograph to a server (paragraph 0105-0106, claim 15);

automatically recognizing said first user from said photograph (abstract, paragraph 0050); and

determining a mobile communicator address of said first user (abstract, paragraph 0050).

Regarding claims 18, 33, Bell teaches an introductions method according to claims 17, 32 and wherein said providing said personal information comprises providing said personal information generally in real time with respect to said designating (paragraph 0050, 0113).

Regarding claim 27, Bell teaches an introductions system (abstract) comprising; a plurality of mobile communicators (fig.1-3, element 112, 122, 132); and

a server communicating with said plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2-3, paragraph 0105-0107);

said server being operative to store personal information relating to users of said plurality of mobile communicators (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015) and to provide to a first user of said users via said first user's mobile communicator (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015), said personal information relating to a second user of said users (paragraph 0017-0019), upon designation of said first user by said second user, using said second user's mobile communicator (paragraph 0061, claim 15),

said designation comprising employing a mobile communicator location functionality for providing a map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicator in a space (abstract, paragraph 0050, 0110), employing the mobile communicator of said second user to receive said map and to designate the location on said map of said first user and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user (abstract, paragraph 0050, 0110).

Regarding claim 32, Bell teaches an introductions (abstract) method comprising:

storing personal information relating to a plurality of users of a corresponding plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2-3, claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015); and

providing to a first user of said plurality of users (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015), via said first user's mobile communicator (claim 1, paragraph 0014-0015), said personal information of a second user of said plurality of users (paragraph 0017-0019), upon said second user designating said first user by using said second user's mobile communicator (paragraph 0061, claim 15),

said designating comprising:

employing a mobile communicator location functionality for providing a map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicator in a space (paragraph 0105-0106, 0110, claim 15);

employing said second user's mobile communicator to receive said map (abstract, paragraph 0050, 0110);

designating the location on said map of said first user (abstract, paragraph 0050, 0110); and

determining a mobile communicator address of said first user (abstract, paragraph 0050, 0110).

Conclusion


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khai M. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571.272.7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George En can be reached on 571.272.7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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